UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant(s): SATOH, Yoshihir O Serial No.: 09/981,402 Group Art Unit: 2815 OCT 2 0 2003 Filed: October 17, 2001 Examiner: Richards, D. Title: Semiconductor Device and Method for Its Manufacture Attorney Docket No.: N320402-00W RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION 5 Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 10 **Introductory Comments** Α. The following is submitted in response to the FINAL Office Action dated August 19, 2003. The two month Advisory Action period ends October 20, 2003. 15 20 25 37 C.F.R. §1.8 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being 30 [ ] transmitted via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office to fax number: Date of Transmittal: [X] deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, 35 P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450. Date of Deposit: October 17, 2003 Typed/Printed Name: Darryl Walker\_\_\_\_\_ 40 Signature: